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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Harry Lee Redmon of East St. Louis on Sunday, November 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmon was born in Clifton, Tennessee, and moved to the East St. Louis area when he was a child; he received his education in the East St. Louis Public Schools; he married Viola Patterson of East St. Louis in 1939; and

WHEREAS, He valiantly served his country during World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged with the rank of seaman 2nd class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmon was a supervisor at the Granite City Engineering Depot and retired in the late 1960s after 20 years; later, he worked in customer service at the Casino Queen; he was a member of Unity Lutheran Church, a former field director for the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council Board, a former member or the East St. Louis Library Board, Chief Aide to former Mayor William Mason, East St. Louis Precinct Committeeman for Precinct 5, a former board member of the East St. Louis Community Development, a past board member of the East St. Louis Urban League, Senior Aide to former Mayor Gordon D. Bush, a member of the NAACP, the American Legion, and he was President of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Redmon was honored with the Distinguished Citizens Award for his community service in the Metro East area; he was constant source of love and support for his family and friends; he always responded to the needs of others with a loving heart and a warm smile; he will be remembered for his sharp wit, handsome attire, and outgoing personality; and

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Harry Lee Redmon has been deeply  
2 felt by many, especially his wife of 66 years, Viola Redmon;  
3 his son, Charles (Lavondas) Redmon; his granddaughters,  
4 Cynthia (Todd) Corley and Lori (Aaron) Arter; his  
5 great-grandchildren, Jarred, Brooke, and Eleese Corley; his  
6 brother, Charles Redmon; his sister, Anna Lue Griggs; his  
7 nephews, Robert (Sulbrena) Day and Robert Day Jr.; and his  
8 nieces, Carmen (Junius) Johnson and Lynnette Day; he was  
9 preceded in death by his parents, William and Beatrice Redmon,  
10 and his sister, Ocie; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Harry Lee Redmon, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
15 further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
18 sympathy.